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SUBJECT: ECONOMICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL

THE SENATE VERSION OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
ACT WHICH PASSED DECEMBER 4 CONTAINS FOLLOWING
AMENDMENT RE PORTUGAL WHICH WAS INTRODUCED BY
SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY FOR HIMSELF, SENATOR
HUMPHREY AND SENATOR MATHIAS.

"ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL AND PORTUGUESE COLONIES
IN AFRICA GAINING INDEPENDENCE

SECTION 44

(A) THERE ARE AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THE
PRESIDENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1975, IN ADDITION TO
FUNDS OTHERWISE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSES, NOT TO
EXCEED (1) \$5 MILLION TO MAKE GRANTS; AND (2) \$50 MILLION
TO MAKE LOANS TO REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED, FOR -
USE BY THE PRESIDENT IN PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
ON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS HE MAY DETERMINE FOR
PORTUGAL AND THE COUNTRIES AND COLONIES IN AFRICA WHICH
WERE, PRIOR TO APRIL 25, 1974, COLONIES OF PORTUGAL.

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OF SUCH ASSISTANCE, NOT MORE THAN 50 PERCENT SHALL BE

FURNISHED TO PORTUGAL.

(B) IT IS THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR ITS COMMITMENT FOR INDEPENDENCE FOR PORTUGUESE AFRICAN COLONIES. THE CONGRESS DECLARED IT TO BE THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATIC EXPERIMENT IN PORTUGAL, AND THE INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONS EMERGING IN AFRICA".

2. NO SIMILAR AMENDMENT HAS YET BEEN INTRODUCED FOR THE HOUSE VERSION OF THE ACT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO COME UP FOR FINAL VOTE LATE IN WEEK OF DECEMBER 8. KISSINGER

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